

# EXHIBIT A



## Post



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Knock LA has provided crucial reporting on issues facing the Greater LA region such as police corruption, investigations into abuses of power at city hall, and the ongoing homelessness crisis for the past 3 years.

Ground Game LA & People Organized for Westside Renewal have operated as fiscal sponsors of the newsroom, allowing Knock LA to run as a non-profit. Simultaneously, Knock LA explored options for creating its own stand alone non-profit.

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Following several violations from Ground Game LA in February 2024, Knock LA began to take steps to become independent. That included requesting Knock LA's tech specialist take over ownership of Knock LA's digital assets from Ground Game LA, as well as Ground Game LA beginning a transfer of Knock LA's journalism grants to Knock LA accounts.

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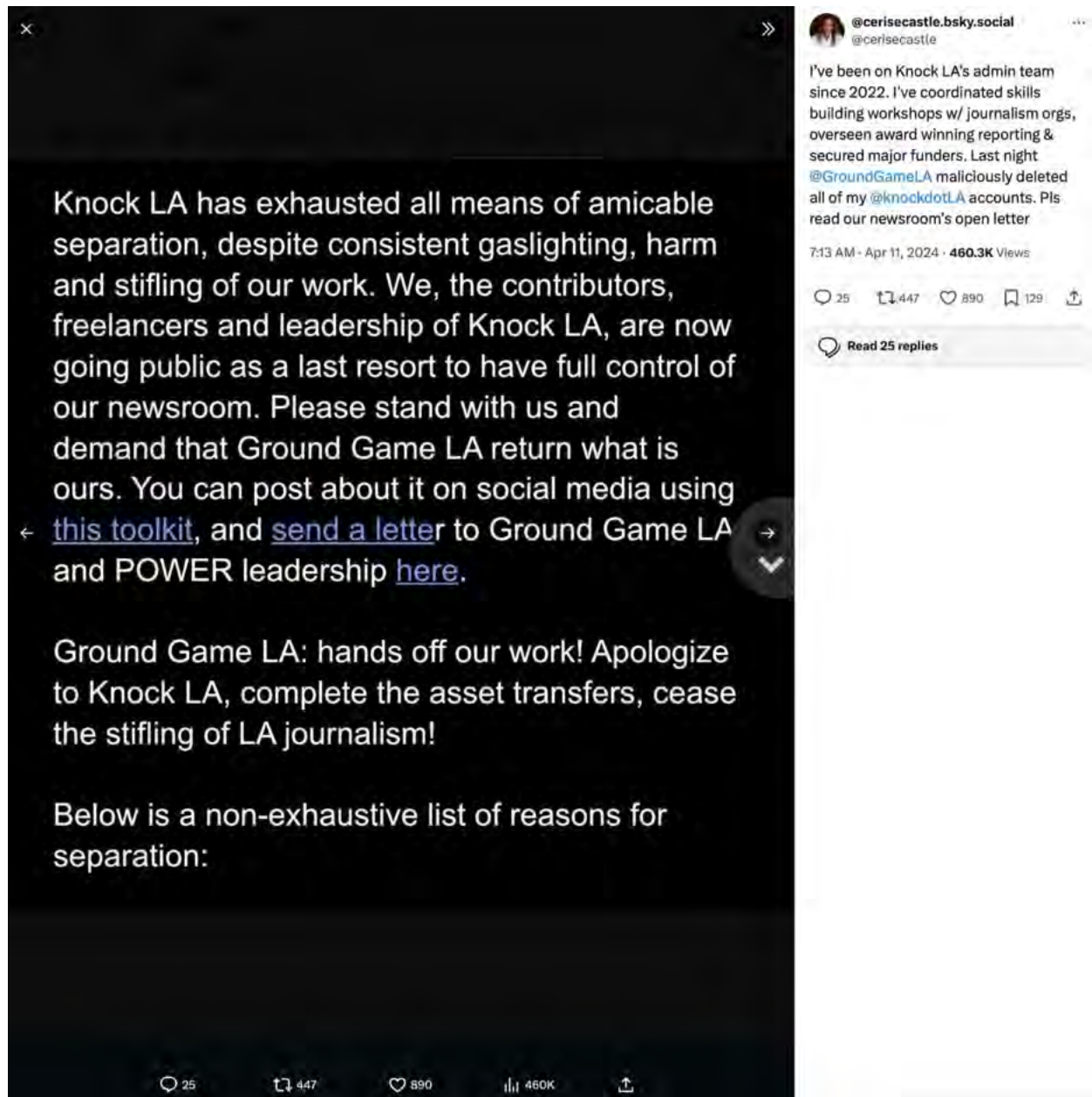
Ground Game LA is refusing to give Knock LA its property.

A screenshot of a Twitter post from the account @cerisecastle.bsky.social. The post text reads: "I've been on Knock LA's admin team since 2022. I've coordinated skills building workshops w/ journalism orgs, overseen award winning reporting & secured major funders. Last night @GroundGameLA maliciously deleted all of my @knockdotLA accounts. Pls read our newsroom's open letter". The post is dated 7:13 AM · Apr 11, 2024 and has 460.3K views. It shows 25 replies, 447 retweets, 890 likes, and 129 bookmarks. A button to "Read 25 replies" is visible.

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The image is a screenshot of a social media interface. On the left, a dark-themed list of points is visible, with the first point expanded. On the right, a tweet from @cerisecastle.bsky.social is shown, which contains a detailed account of a lockout and the deletion of accounts.

**Lockout of Knock LA**  
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**Editorial Overreach**

**Members of GGLA have demanded articles be published by Knock LA despite the editorial firewall between the organizations.**

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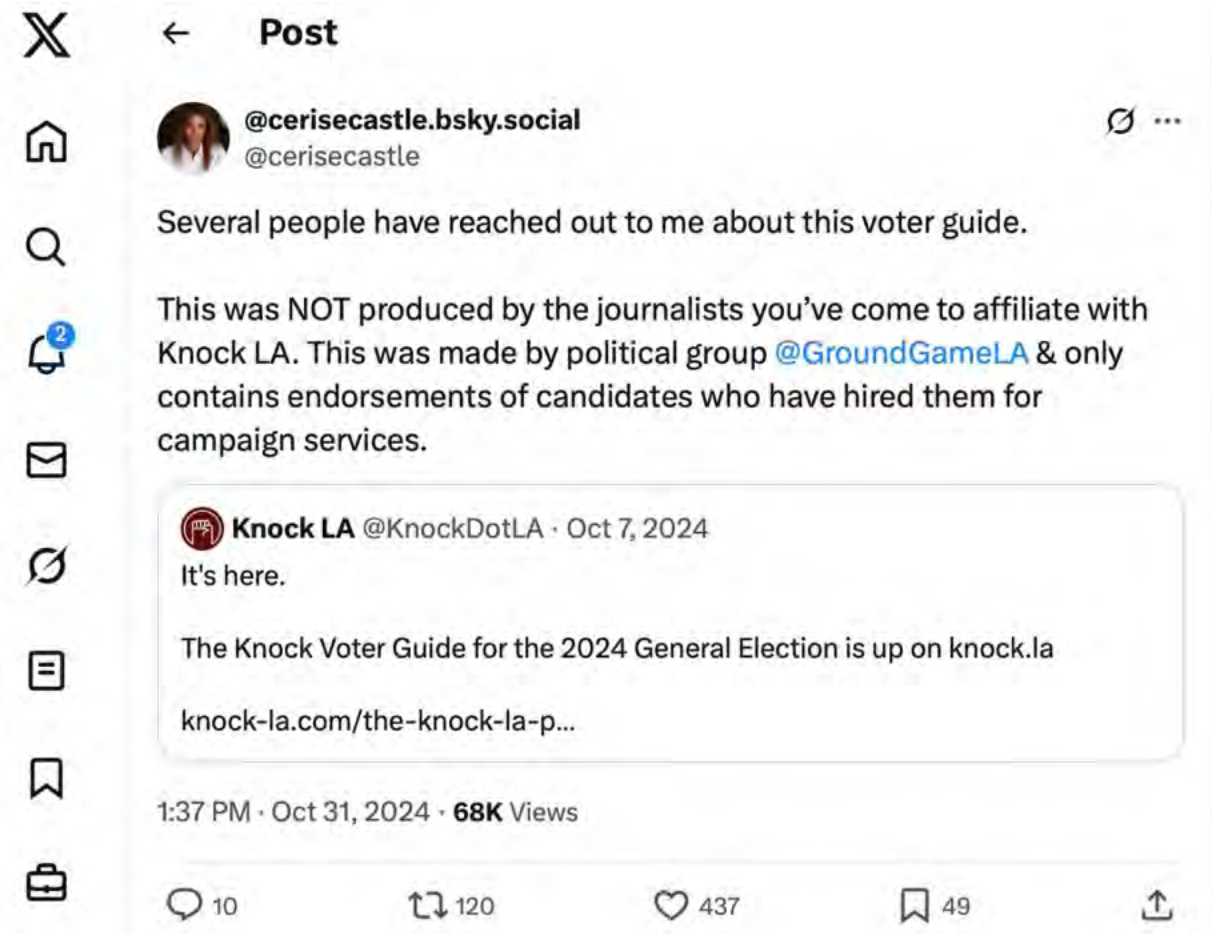
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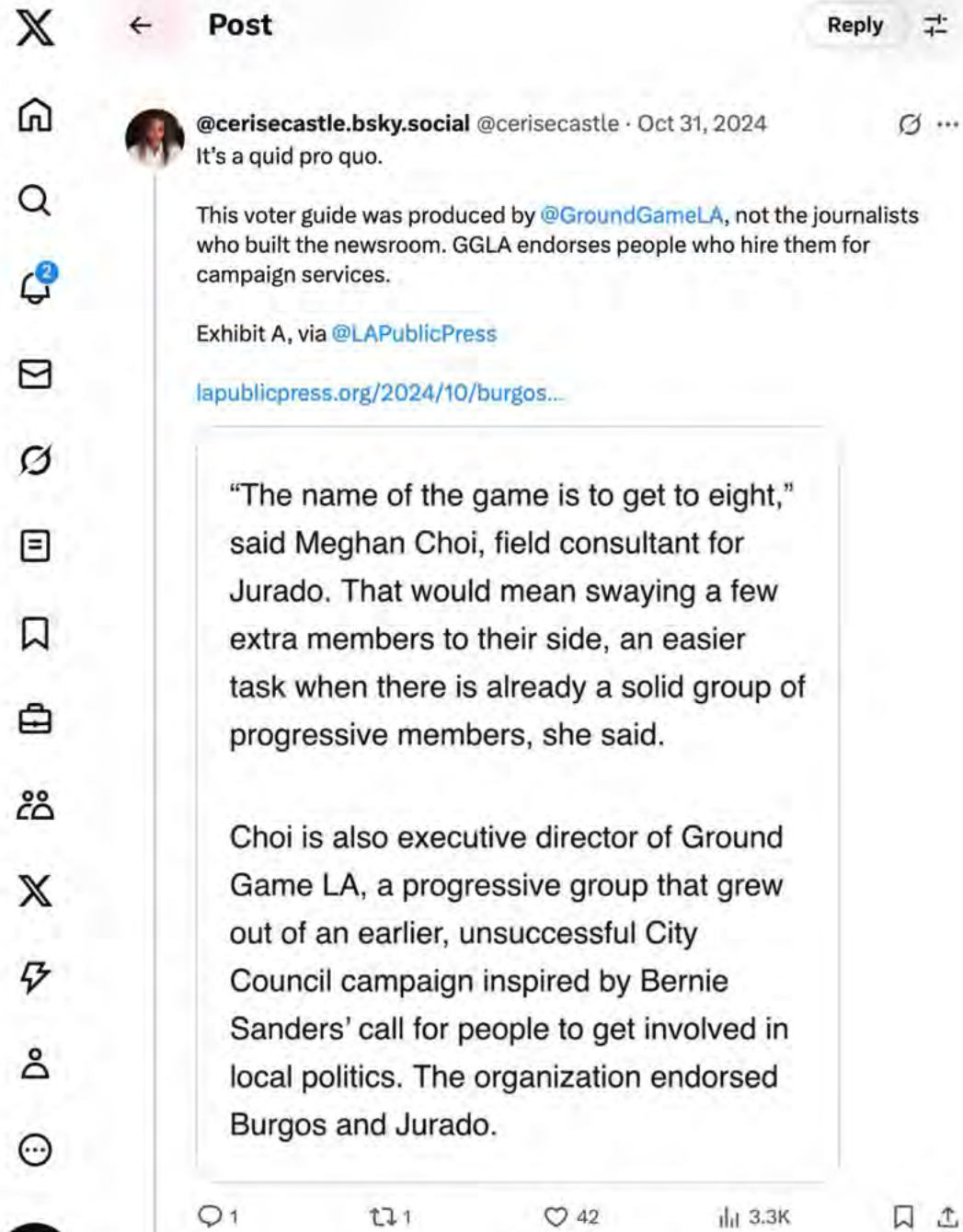
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# **EXHIBIT B**















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**@cerisecastle.bsky.social** @cerisecastle · Oct 31, 2024

[@GroundGameLA](#) has endorsed candidates who have written legislation that threatens the free press.

[@GroundGameLA](#) does not believe in a free, independent press. That is why they threw out Knock LA's journalists & turned the newsroom into their propaganda blog.



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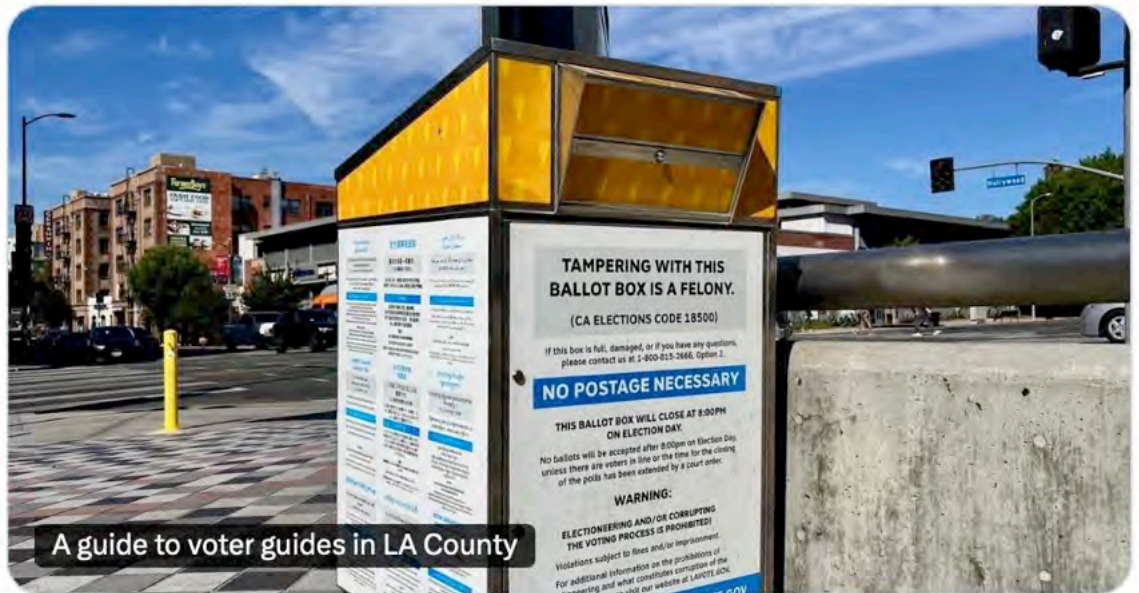
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If you are looking for some real voter guides, [@LAPublicPress](#) has assembled a guide to the guides.

Use this. Stay away from this ghoulish, propagandized animation of Knock LA, and support the free and independent press.



A guide to voter guides in LA County

From [lapublicpress.org](http://lapublicpress.org)

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# **EXHIBIT C**



January 17th, 2024 ▾



APP 11:30 AM

Here is an updated phone script for anyone who wants to make some fundraising calls/emails! Hmu for more details 🤖


Here is the prospect donor list:


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


















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27 weeks later.

@GroundGameLA has threatened to sue me for speaking out.

@GroundGameLA is still displaying and profiting from my work on their website, ignoring takedown notices from my attorneys.

Are these really people who want what's best for Los Angeles?





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# **EXHIBIT E**

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+ Regular contributors are no longer affiliated with knock-la. com (and @GroundGameLA is refusing to take down our work, despite law dictating that they must)

+ Several contributors were NEVER PAID by GGLA for that work

+ GGLA's blog has no journalistic standards in place

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